

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
AUGUST 22, 2006**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Building Commissioner David Seger Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 8, 2006. A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

BLOCK PARTY STREET CLOSING

Lesley Kizior, 1400 Cobblestone Road, requested permission to block off Brownstone Court at 20th Street on Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 3 p.m. to midnight for a neighborhood block party. Kizior commented that Brownstone Court was a Cul de Sac. Mayor Schmitt requested the street department supply barricades.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to close Brownstone Court at 20th Street on Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 3 p.m. until midnight for a neighborhood block party. Motion passed 3-0.

KIDS DAY

Germaine Blessinger, representing Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, asked permission to use the sidewalks around the Square on Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the annual Kids Day event. She also requested use of electrical outlets for those booths preparing food. During discussion, Mayor Schmitt commented that this is a welcome event for the downtown area. Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle agreed to pick up the trash after the event.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to grant the request of the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association to use the sidewalks around the Square on Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the annual Kids Day. Motion passed 3-0.

SALT QUOTES FOR 2006-2007

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented quotes for road salt. The quotes were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Price/Ton</u>
Cargill	\$52.12
Morton Salt	\$50.57
North American Salt Company	\$44.06
Detroit Salt Company	No quote received

Eckerle recommended the low quote from North American Salt Company of \$44.06 per ton. He said he estimates salt use for this coming winter season to be approximately 900 tons.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept the low quote of \$44.06 per ton of road salt from North American Salt Company for the 2006-2007 winter season. Motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS - STREET DEPARTMENT

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle gave an update on the Mill Street and 17th Street projects.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider reported that all defibrillators in the City's inventory need to be upgraded. He said changes have been made to procedures and that the fire department will help with the upgrade. He also said trained personnel would have to be re-trained.

INSHARP

Personnel and Safety Director Charles Schneider announced that the Commissioner of Labor and the Deputy Commissioner of Labor would be in Jasper for the September Council meeting. He said they would present the City with the InSharp Certification.

COMMENT. Schneider congratulated Doug Tarvin on being selected as the new Police Chief.

LASER JET PRINTER

Building Commissioner David Seger requested permission to declare his HP Laser Jet Printer, Asset # 100330 as scrap. He explained that the printer is inoperable and not repairable.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to declare Laser Jet Printer, Asset #100330 from the Building Commissioner's office as scrap and to be disposed of. Motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented the Police Department July 2006 Monthly Vehicle Maintenance Report. He said the price of fuel continues to be extremely high. He said he has had to transfer funds from other accounts to meet the fuel price increase.

TRAIN DEPOT

Police Chief Richard Gunselman reported that the Training Council of South West Indiana would conduct training in Jasper on Thursday, October 12, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The Police Chief requested using the Train Depot and the surrounding parking area on that day for the training.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of the Jasper Police Department to use the Train Depot on Thursday, October 12, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for training, subject to the rental date being available. Motion passed 3-0.

SERVICE WEAPON

In accordance with City policy, Mayor Schmitt proposed awarding Chief Richard A. Gunselman his service weapon, a Glock, model 22, serial # HUG601, upon his retirement on September 9, 2006. Mayor Schmitt thanked Police Chief Gunselman for his twenty-eight (28) years of service to the City of Jasper.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to award Police Chief Richard A. Gunselman his service weapon, a Glock, model 22, serial #HUG601 upon his retirement on September 9, 2006. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW POLICE CHIEF

Incoming Police Chief Doug Tarvin thanked the Mayor for his confidence in appointing him the new Police Chief. He said he looks forward to working with the board and to continue to keep Jasper a safe place.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported for publication the names of property owners that had been cited under section 5.12.040, weed removal/notice. The names and property locations were as follows:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location of Lot</u>
Elaine Staley Family Trust	Oak Ridge Estates I, Lot 2
Jasper Engineering	End of Judith Ave.
David Schepers	McCrillus Add, Lot 4
Edw. & Diana Echevarria	1107 Mill Street
Vicki Englert & Kimberly Brown	235 Hillside Dr.
Darryl & LeAnn Huls	329 W. 10 th .
Scott Meneilly	McCrillus 2 nd Add, Lot 63
Thomas Merkley	310 E. 5 th St.
Matthew York, Jr. & Heather Marsh	Golden Acres IV, Lot 102

Hochgesang presented photos of the property at 235 Hillside Drive. Hochgesang said the owners had mowed over the weekend, but the grass is still high and there are tall weeds along the driveway and porch. There followed much

discussion about the issue and whether or not the growth was ivy or weeds. Mayor Schmitt advised that the City should be careful about controlling the type of landscaping people want. Mayor Schmitt advised on contacting the property owners again to again request they cut the weeds on their property. City Attorney Hemmerlein read part of the ordinance and advised the Code Enforcement Officer to contact the owners again and inform them that the City was not satisfied with the height of the lawn and weeds in the landscaping.

PORTERSVILLE ROAD TRAFFIC STUDIES

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that at the last meeting, based upon a traffic study on a portion of Portersville Road, a motion was made that the section of Portersville Road between 41st Street and Ackerman Road be designated No Parking on both sides. Hurm said that upon further review, he realized that at the August 10, 2004 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting, a motion was made and an ordinance changed to prohibit parking on both sides of Portersville Road from 36th Street to the northern city limits. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein confirmed that no parking on Portersville Road is already covered by ordinance. Hemmerlein advised on reviewing this area again if the City annexes further north.

Therefore, upon further review of the existing ordinance, Mayor Schmitt **motioned** that the ordinance in existence concerning no parking to the northern city limits on the Portersville Road be left as it is. Victor Knies seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

EASEMENTS

City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein presented the following easements for acceptance and approval:

Grant of Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement

Elfrieda I. Fleck – Part of the NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 4 West

Grant of Permanent Electric Streetlight Easement

Kurt E. & Ashley N. Werner - Part of Lot 7 in Silver Springs First Addition
Harold J. Schnarr & Rita M. Schnarr Family Trust, Harold J. Schnarr and Rita M. Schnarr, Co-Trustees– Part of Lot 8 in Silver Springs First Addition
Mark A. Matthews – Part of Lot #148 in Mill Creek Park IV Addition

Grant of Permanent Utility Easement

Anthony P. & Audrey Habig – Part of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 5 West

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve and accept the easements as listed above. Motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary